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MARYLAND ARSON REPORT

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Statistics presented here are based on information submitted by law enforcement agencies to the Maryland Uniform Crime Reporting Program. This was the first year of collecting Arson statistics and not all counties are represented by a complete year's statistics, as noted on the Region and County Arson Table on the back page.

These statistics represent confirmed Arsons as defined by the Uniform Crime Reporting Program to include any willful or malicious burning or attempts to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle, personal property of another, etc.

Arson is broken down into 3 property classifications:

1. Structure - this category includes houses, public buildings, apartments, hotels, motels, barns, commercial buildings, and various other structures.
2. Mobile - this category includes automobiles, trucks, buses, trailers, recreational vehicles, boats, etc.
3. Other - this category includes arson of crops, timber, fences, signs, and merchandise or property stored outside structures.

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Colonel Thomas S. Smith, Superintendent, Maryland State Police

1979 ARSONS
BY
REGION AND COUNTY

	PROPERTY CLASSIFICATIONS			Total Arsons
	Structure	Mobile	Other	
**STATE TOTAL	1,762	551	636	3,030
*REGION I	132	35	7	174
Caroline	8	4	0	12
Cecil	45	14	3	62
Dorchester	13	0	0	13
Kent	5	3	0	8
Queen Anne's	9	4	1	14
Somerset	8	3	0	11
Talbot	5	1	0	6
Wicomico	17	5	0	22
Worcester	22	1	3	26
*REGION II	67	17	4	88
Calvert	10	2	1	13
Charles	32	11	0	43
St. Mary's	25	4	3	32
*REGION III	137	20	7	164
Allegany	23	3	0	26
Carroll	29	6	1	36
Frederick	22	1	1	24
Garrett	8	5	0	13
Washington	55	5	5	65
**REGION IV	573	182	76	912
**Montgomery	249	76	69	475
Pr. George's	324	106	7	437
REGION V	853	297	470	1,620
Baltimore City	354	68	125	547
Baltimore County	300	148	148	596
Anne Arundel County	120	33	196	349
Harford County	46	24	1	71
Howard County	33	24	0	57
PARKS				
***Maryland Park Service	0	0	72	72

**Statistics not available for these counties in January and February.*

***The breakdown for Property Classification does not equal the Total Arson. The breakdowns were not available for January, February, March and April for Montgomery County.*

****Statistics not available for first 6 months of 1979.*